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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b), enclosed is FORM PTO/SB/08A/B listing references that are known to applicant. A copy of the listed references are enclosed. This filing is timely because it is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

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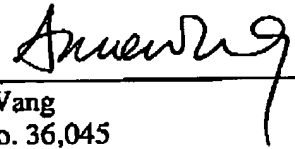
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Applicant has disclosed the materials identified on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A/B to eliminate any question as to whether Applicant has complied with the duty of disclosure. Applicant does not, however, admit that each document is prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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